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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PRC CHARGE ABOUT

U.S. GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES

1. I HAD BRIEF EXCHANGE AT SOCIAL EVENT AUGUST 9 WITH
PRC CHARGE CONCERNING PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION AND
SWEARING IN OF PRESIDENT FORD. CHARGE SAID HE
PERSONALLY HAD LISTENED VERY CAREFULLY TO PRESIDENT
NIXON'S RESIGNATION SPEECH AND HAD NOTED THAT, IN
FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIELD, NIXON HAD MENTIONED IMPROVEMENT
OF RELATIONS WITH PRC IN FIRST PLACE. WHEN I NOTED
THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD VISITED PRC, CHARGE RESPONDED
ENTHUSIASTICALLY THAT HE KNEW PRESIDENT HAD BEEN THERE
IN 1972 AND SEEMED TO HAVE ENJOYED HIS VISIT.

2. WHEN I STRESSED THAT THERE WOULD BE CONTINUITY IN
U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, CHARGE RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS A
GOOD THING; WE SHOULD IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS BASED ON
THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, AND THIS WOULD BENEFIT BOTH
OUR COUNTRIES.

3. CHARGE NOTED THAT SOVIETS SOMETIMES DID NOT LIKE
IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-PRC TIES. I COMMENTED THAT THIS
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MIGHT BE TRUE BUT THAT WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE

GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE PRC AND THE SOVIET UNION.

4. WHEN I INQUIRED AS TO WHEN PRC AMBASSADOR WOULD
BE RETURNING TO MOSCOW, CHARGE SAID HE HAD ANTICIPATED
THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD BE BACK BY NOW BUT THAT APPARENTLY
HE WAS "EXTENDING HIS LEAVE".

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